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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 7, line 12 and ending at page 7, line 15 with the following amended paragraph:

The main filtering operation by means of the primary and secondary filters 82, 81 is made in such a manner that while the washing water sprayed from the spray arm 30 is circulated once, all the washing water passes through both the primary and secondary filters 82, 81 and garbage mixed with the washing water is then stained strained out.

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 7, line 27 and ending at page 8, line 3 with the following amended paragraph:

On the other hand, in the washing process, the spray arm 30 sprays the washing water through a plurality of spray nozzles 301 directed upward in order to clean the dishes. As shown in FIG. 7a, the spray arm 30 is formed with the auxiliary nozzle 302 that spray the washing water downward. The downward sprayed washing water intermittently strikes the top surface of the fine filter 92 so that foreign materials adhered to a bottom surface of the fine filter 92 are removed. That is, the so-called self-cleansing function is performed.

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 10, line 23 and ending at page 10, line 27 with the following amended paragraph:

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Further, the foreign materials separated from the filters 82, 91 by the foreign material washing nozzle 84 are smoothly discharged together with the drained washing water through the drain discharge port 74c. Thus, the washing water to be fed again ~~dose~~ does not further get dirty and the circulation efficiency of the washing water to be fed again is not deteriorated.